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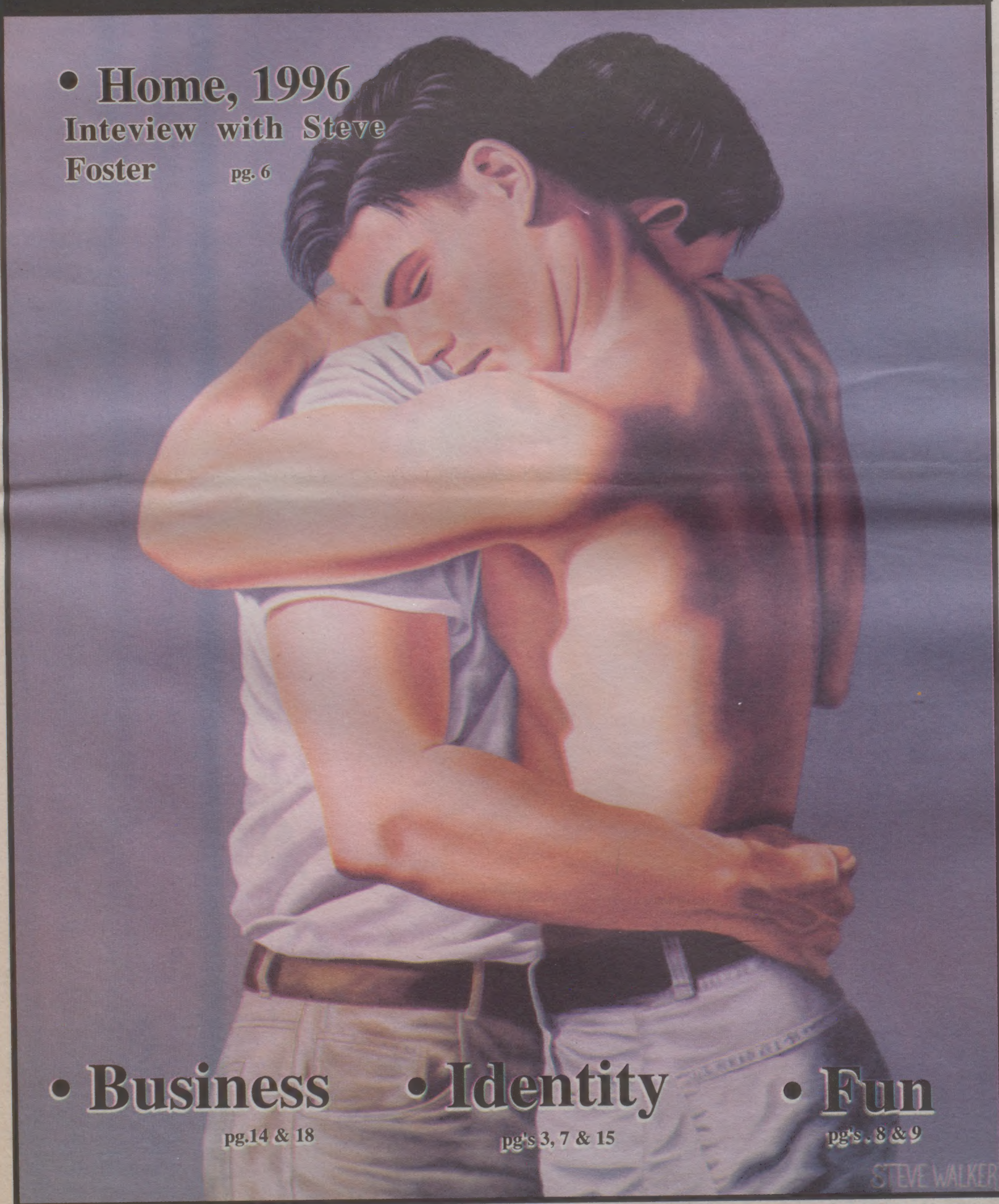
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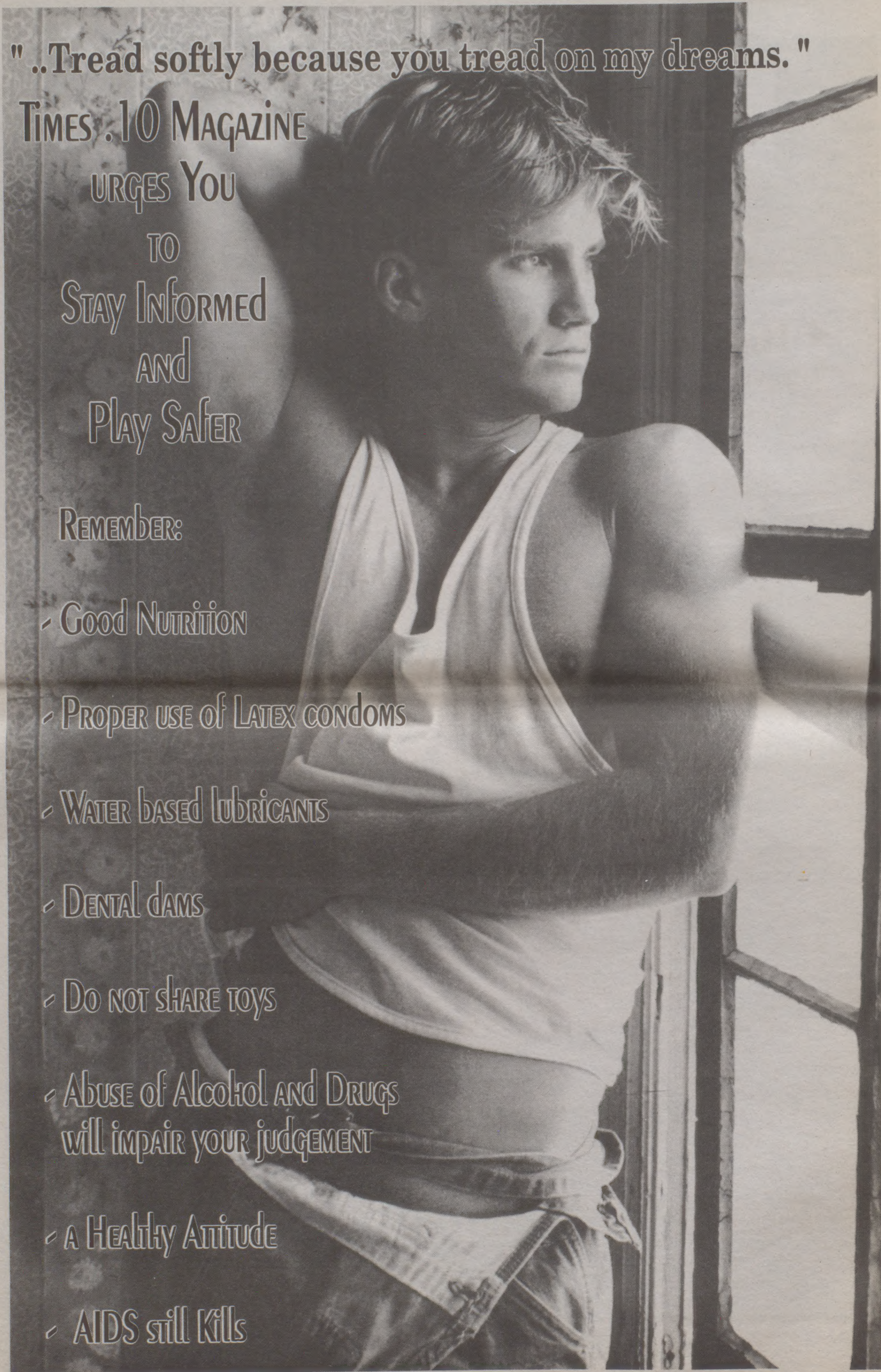
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"For First Time, Drug 'Cocktail' Seems to Eliminate HIV in its Hiding Places"

Wall Street Journal

A new combination of drugs is capable of eliminating all detectable levels of HIV in the body tissues where it is known to reside, researchers say. Previous studies have shown that the drugs can reduce the level of HIV in the bloodstream, but the virus is also known to hide in the tonsils, lymph nodes, spinal fluid, and semen. Sven Danner, of the University of Amsterdam, and colleagues, report that six patients given a combination of Glaxo Wellcome's AZT and 3TC and Abbott Laboratories' protease inhibitor Norvir had no sign of HIV in their tonsil tissue after six months of treatment. A separate study found that the combination of AZT, 3TC, and Boehringer Ingelheim's drug Viramune had a similar impact on HIV in the lymph tissue of patients who had no detectable HIV in their blood.

"Feared Drug Is Subject of New Interest" Philadelphia Inquirer

The drug thalidomide, which caused serious birth defects when used to treat nausea in Canada, Britain, and West Germany 40 years ago, has potential as a treatment for AIDS and cancer patients. A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel is meeting today and tomorrow to consider the drug's uses. Thalidomide has shown promise against such AIDS-related conditions as mouth ulcers and wasting.

"New Pot Law Brings Turmoil, Concerns" Los Angeles Times

The approval of a California ballot initiative to legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes has raised concerns among state and federal law enforcement officials. The proposition, which allows doctors to

recommend marijuana to treat various conditions, passed on Tuesday with 56 percent support. While officials at the California Medical Association expressed worries that

doctors could be persecuted for prescribing the drug, they were also hopeful that the new law would result in the approval of clinical research to study the drug's potential as a medical treatment. Supporters of the initiative have announced

plans to put the proposal on the ballot in other states in 1998 and to seek congressional support next year.

"AIDS Rates" Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Among U.S. metropolitan areas, New York City had the highest number of AIDS cases per 100,000 people for the reporting period of July 1995 to June 1996, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The city's AIDS rate was 132 per 100,000, followed by Miami, with 117.3; Jersey City, N.J., with 115.2; San Francisco, with 109.8; and Fort Lauderdale, with 86.7. The AIDS rate for the city of Washington, D.C., was 188.5 per 100,000, though the level for the D.C. metropolitan area was 45.8. By state, New York also led in AIDS cases for the period, with 73.1 per 100,000 people, followed by New Jersey with 50.3, Connecticut with 46.8, Maryland with 45.5, and Delaware with 44.6.

"Pioneering AIDS Group Is Sinking" Miami Herald

The League Against AIDS, a Miami-based AIDS organization that serves the Hispanic community, was once a thriving center but is now

threatened by a financial crisis. Founded in 1987, the League previously provided social services and counseling at two locations, employed 40 workers, supported more than 1,200

patients, and received hundreds of dollars a year in public support. The center now has one employee and depends on volunteers. The League's decline is attributed to management problems, and insufficient federal and county funding.

"An AIDS Memorial in Stanley Park" Toronto Globe and Mail

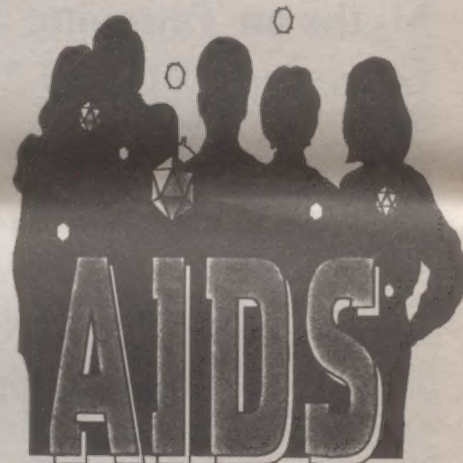
A decision by the Vancouver Parks Board to erect an AIDS memorial in Stanley Park has sparked public outrage. In a Toronto Globe and Mail commentary, Globe and Mail Vancouver bureau

chief Miro Cernetig describes what others have written about the opposition. One columnist, for example, said the arguments against the memorial were attributed in part to homophobia and in part to reluctance to put up monuments to disease. Meanwhile, another writer, who supported the memorial, said the objections to it "are awash in senseless homophobia,

even though AIDS is hardly a gay disease

"Water Filters Available for D.C. AIDS Patients" Washington Post

AIDS patients in Washington, D.C. are being supplied with water filters to protect them from the excessive levels of bacteria found in the city's water supply. Made available by federal and city funding, the carbon water filters will be provided to as many as 600 city residents with AIDS. The nonprofit AIDS group Food & Friends is distributing most of the filters, which were recommended by U.S. and city health officials for AIDS patients. City officials are also trying to obtain approval to use Medicaid funds to purchase filters for qualified AIDS patients.



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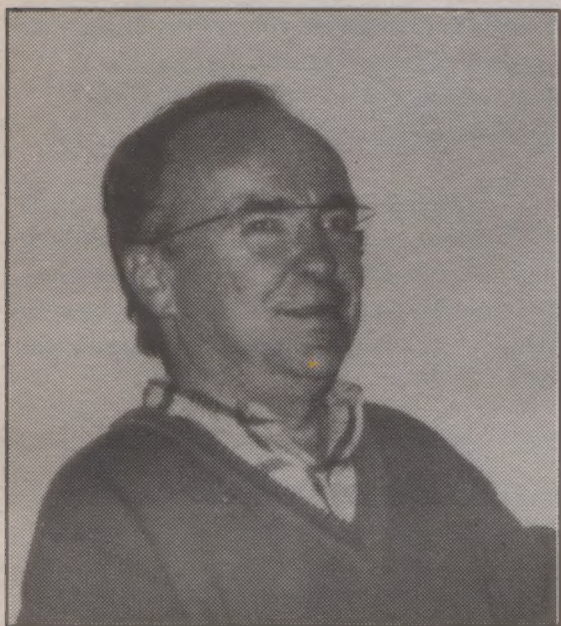
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BUILDING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS—MY GAY CHRISTMAS

It's another Sunday in mid-November, another Sunday of snow and cold and I am sitting at my dining room table making Christmas invitations to my annual Xmas Eve open house. I have had these December 24 open houses



for about 14 years, and they have become a tradition for me. As I think of the years, I am surprised at how this has become my Christmas—a gay holiday tradition.

I was raised in a family with 6 brothers and sisters. On my father's side of the family - the seven of us - my brothers and sisters were the only grandchildren. Christmas was a very big event. It certainly dominated all other festivities, and I have many fond memories related to my childhood and Christmas.

Like many families of the time, the holidays combined both religious activities and secular activities around 'Santa Claus'. I remember the season beginning with my father packing us kids in the car and driving to tree lots to buy a Christmas tree. Every year we would come home with a very large tree and my mother would exclaim that she didn't know why we had to have such a big tree. My father blamed the decision on us kids—the truth was he always picked out the tree and he liked large balsam Christmas trees.

The Sunday before Christmas was a very busy and exciting day! In the afternoon, my family would start popping popcorn and then proceed to make 50 or 60 popcorn balls! One of the great things about large families is that you make (and eat) large quantities of good things. For the previous two weeks my mother would have made hundreds of cut-out cookies, and on Sunday evening, we would frost and decorate all of them—usually a 2 or 3 hour chore that left us both messy and on a sugar high!

December 24 started with the Christmas tree being brought into the house and set up. I remember standing and staring out the window waiting for my grandparents to arrive, as they lived quite some distance away. After dinner we would prepare a plate of cookies, and other assorted treats for Santa and his reindeer. Then the older kids would go to a midnight service with my grandparents while the rest would go to bed. Although I cannot imagine how they did it, after the midnight service, my parents would eat the goodies, decorate the tree, wrap gifts and put them under the tree. My mother says that it was usually 5am before she got to bed, as there was always some tricycle or buggy that my father had to assemble! And in this way, Christmas arrived for me as a child.

My roommate John and I both found ourselves here in Edmonton in the early 80's, thousands of kilometers from home. In a melancholic mood and reminiscing about our Christmases, John and I decided we would have our own Christmas! Low and behold as we talked with a number of our friends we found that they were in much the same situation as the two of us. In fact I remember a good friend saying that he stayed home alone on Christmas because he found it a depressing time and could not relate to the traditional 'family' holiday.

And so, on that Christmas back in 1982, John and I organized a Christmas Eve open house where we particularly invited other lesbians and gay men who found themselves in similar situations as we were.

Now, 14 years later, this has become my Christmas

tradition with many old and new friends, some who have moved from Edmonton and who now return for Christmas. And I have carried some of my childhood memories into the present—I still buy and decorate a big tree every year, I bake and decorate hundreds of Christmas cookies and I look out my 'bubble' window on Christmas eve waiting for my family—gay and lesbian family to arrive.

It will be the same this year—another open house on Christmas Eve beginning at 8pm. Don't be alone, come and drop in. Michael Phair. City Hall phone 496-8146, fax 496-8113



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"for themselves, and for the larger world"

an interview with STEVE WALKER

Drawing is one of Steve Walker's earliest childhood memories. He recollects drawing pictures from about the age of three or four years old. Drawing came naturally to the Toronto, Canada artist, and his love of the art form continued into his adulthood. As a self taught artist, Walker only began painting after a trip to Europe when he was 25 years old. During the trip he spent much of his time in Europe touring the great galleries and museums. In his words it was the first time he was exposed to great painting and the first time he recognized the potential power of the art form. "I was moved by something that I was capable of doing" he said. His first paintings were done in a somewhat secretive way, as he had no intention of exhibiting or selling and no aspirations of becoming a professional artist.

Producing art is about his life and the lives of those around him. It is as natural to Walker as those first childhood drawings.

As a gay man, Walker is acutely aware that he is living during a period of history that is both the best of times and the worst of times. There is more freedom and acceptance for gay men and lesbian womyn, while at the same time, AIDS has devastated the gay population.

But Walker's paintings are not about gay people or homosexuality.

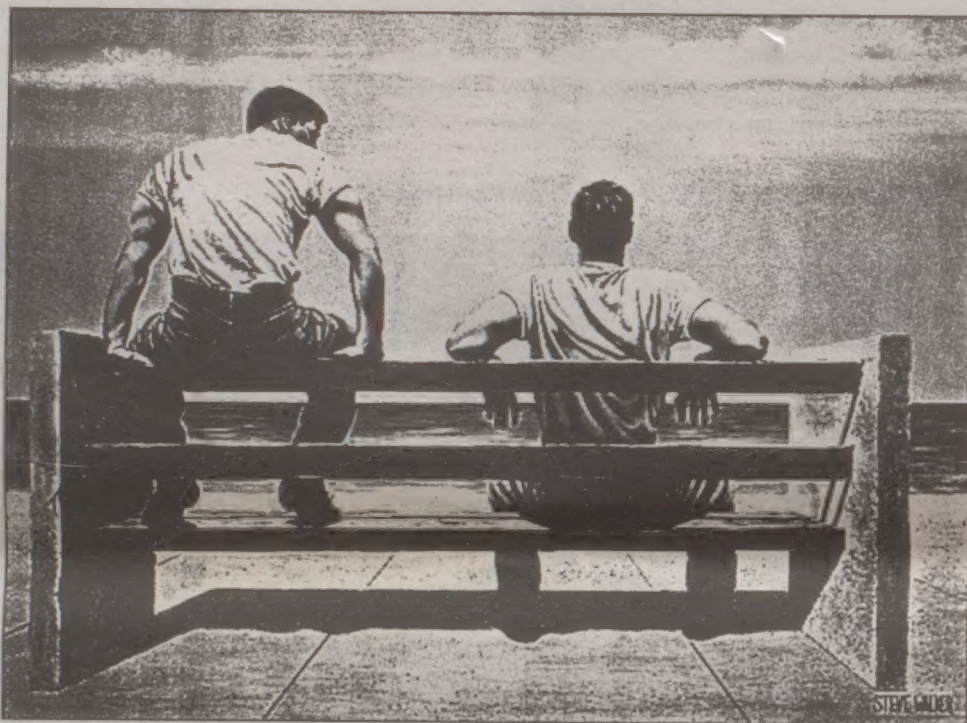
He describes his art as being about love, hate, pain, joy, touch, communication, beauty, loneliness, attraction, hope, despair, life and death.

His art contains themes that are universal to all people, regardless of race, gender, socio-economic or sexual orientation. However, his work is unique because he conveys these themes through the subjects in his paintings, gay men. "Remove the gender of the paintings subjects and what we have is human relationships in general, and one's relationship to the world itself," he said. "As a homosexual, I have been moved, educated and inspired by works that deal with a heterosexual context. Why would I assume that a heterosexual would be incapable of appreciating work that speaks to common themes in life, as seen through my eyes as a gay man. If the heterosexual population is unable to do this, then the loss is theirs, not mine.

If Walker were an abstract painter or a landscape artist, he says, his sexual orientation

wouldn't matter. But since the subjects of his paintings are people, his sexual orientation becomes more important than his cultural background, age or nationality.

His paintings often focus on the sadness and loneliness that is reality in much of anyone's life. Walker often portrays people in relationships as separate entities because that is the way he views them. He also uses a small and consistent palette of colors because he is comfortable with them, and the colors



provide the desired results.

"Color is very powerful and a little can go a long way if used effectively," he said.

"Some colors are very exciting to me, while others are quite offensive. Painting flesh is very exciting because of the huge variations possible within a very small color range."

As an artist, Walker said it's exciting to be working at a point in history where there is an audience ready to appreciate and consume his creations. "My work will be around long after me, but seeing it affect people at the time that I am creating it is very rewarding."

Walker's artworks are very large, always measuring 36" by 48". He creates large paintings because he believes that a large image is more appealing than a

smaller one. "Whether it's a television screen, cinema screen, or an image in a magazine, the size of the image connotes a degree of importance," he said. Walker said belonging to an oppressed minority group has been a driving force in creating his art. "Any minority wants and needs to find artistic voices that reflect their own personal situations and, in doing so, validate and record their lives and cultures for themselves, and for the larger world," he said.

Walker said he experiences many small rewards during the creative process. "After hours of painting, I stand back and look at something that wasn't there before — a hand, face, or piece of fabric will exist where there was once a blank canvas," he said.

In recent years, Steve Walker's work has been exhibited in galleries in Toronto, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia and Key West.

The gay community of North America has responded very positively to Walker's art.

I am very aware of the appreciation from a group of people who recognize the time, energy and talent devoted to a body of work that speaks specifically to them, but at the same time exists in the larger world that we all live in," he said.

The print to the right is called On a Clear Day, 1996 with that one at the bottom called The Promises of the Morning, 1996. All of Steve Walker's paintings can be ordered by calling toll free 1-888-940-888 or by going to his Internet site at <http://www.questart.com>. You will not be disappointed. (editor)



LIVING POSITIVE **IN ALBERTA**

Health Canada over the past year, has approved four new drugs that show promise in slowing down the progression of HIV infection by reducing the amount of virus in our bodies. These drugs, 3TC, and the Protease Inhibitors - saquinavir, indinavir and ritonavir - are now available for use in combination therapy and are proven (over the short history of their use) to be effective in providing an improved quality of life for HIV infected persons. The problem for people living in Alberta is that these drugs are very expensive and are currently not available under the provincial drug program. The only drugs that are available are AZT, ddI and ddC and 3TC. Research shows us, however, that these drugs alone, or in combination, are not effective over a long period of time. What we need is to be able to add the new drugs as part of the combination of drugs that we take. The current standard suggests that people whose immune systems have reached a certain level should be taking AZT (if they can tolerate it), along with 3TC and one of the Protease Inhibitors. In order to take this combination, someone living in Alberta must have a recognized drug plan that will cover the new drugs, or be able to afford to pay the high costs of these drugs. AZT and 3TC are provided free of charge. To add one of the other drugs will cost approximately an additional \$600.00 per month that, until Friday November 15th, was at the expense of the person taking the drug. It is unfortunate that it took eight months of Alberta officials promising a decision on providing these drugs. Who knows if any lives of HIV infected individuals might have been prolonged had this decision been made sooner. At least they are now available, and the government has added an additional 3 million dollars to the bureaucracy responsible for the distribution of these drugs.

The second issue of concern to Albertans was that of access to the new diagnostic test called viral load. Up until recently, this test was only available to researchers. Now, however, with the production of new test kits, the cost of this test has been reduced to the point where it is available for diagnostic purposes. Until now, we could only indirectly measure the amount of virus that could be found in our bodies. With viral load testing, we can get an accurate measure of how much actual free virus we have in our blood. This measurement is vital in the planning of our treatment. It provides us with information as to when we should decide to begin drug therapy and, once we have begun a chosen therapy, how effective that therapy is in reducing the amount of virus that we have in our bodies. The two provincial labs in Alberta are set to provide this test, but could not do so until last Friday, where again the labs were provided with the funds to begin this diagnostic procedure. Now we can have access to an important tool to help us determine with our health care providers the most appropriate treatment regime for ourselves.

The delay is inexcusable. Approval should have been automatically given when Health Canada gave its formal approval for the drugs to be used in Canada. There is no process in Alberta for the speedy addition of drugs to the provincial drug program, nor is there any process in place for HIV infected Albertans to have a say in this approval process. This was the issue that was addressed by Living Positive in its briefing paper titled *Treatment = Life* presented on September 1, 1996.

This paper stated, in part, that "much has been said of the cost of caring for people living with HIV. Less has been said about the economic and social benefits of investing in our health and well-being. Investing in health for people living with HIV means investing not only in individual people, but healthy families and communities. We can't concentrate on living if all our energies are going into wondering how we're going to stay alive. Threats to accessing existing and emerging therapies amount to a threat to our lives." The briefing paper concludes with a number of recommendations:

That the Government of Alberta, through Alberta Health, provide coverage of new and emerging therapies to all people of Alberta.

That the Government of Alberta educate and make people aware of decisions affecting their lives that are being made by Alberta Health.

That the Government of Alberta educate people about how to be a partner in the decision making process.

That the Government of Alberta bring together the people who are most affected by these decisions so they can make truly informed decisions.

That the Government of Alberta realistically, holistically and actively involve in all aspects of the decision-making process, including being

present at the table when final decisions are made, those who will be directly impacted by the decisions, ... and they must be a senior partner in the decision making process because of their expertise.

The importance of these recommendations goes far beyond improving the quality of life for HIV infected people. Our recommendations, while coming from an AIDS advocacy group, are purposely worded because this is an issue that affects all Albertans facing a health problem that involves the use of new and costly drugs, cancer treatments, renal failure treatments, multiple sclerosis just to name a few. For HIV, there is already a new set of drugs that are in the process or about to be sent to Health Canada for approval. When these drugs are approved, they will be added to the pool of drugs that will be used in combination to treat HIV infection. Without these recommendations being put in place by Alberta Health, we will once again have to initiate another battle to have them included in the Alberta Health program.

What are we doing about this situation? The briefing paper is only part of our advocacy strategy. We are currently attempting to build partnerships with other health groups who facing similar problems in order to work together to solve these concerns for all Albertans. An initial meeting with interested stakeholders is planned for December/January. We continue to meet with Alberta Health over these concerns, and plan other strategies over the next few weeks.

What can you do to help? If you agree with our position, we encourage you as individuals to write to the Minister of Health, Halver Johnson, demanding that action be taken now. You could also write to your own MLA making the same request. An additional letter to Minister of Finance, Jim Dinning, demanding that Alberta reinvest some of the surplus funds back into the AIDS program so that drugs and diagnostic tests are available would also be of assistance. The more letters they receive, the more likely they are to take notice of the situation.

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HOW TO TELL IF YOUR SON IS GAY

by Dorothy Steele, correspondent
Taken from the Weekly World News

Your son may be turning into a homosexual, but you can nip it in the bud - if you can learn the six ways to tell if your kid is gay!

By checking what he dresses, what his favorite colors are and what he reads, you can detect the subtle signs of limp-wristed tendencies and make your boy into a he-man before it's too late!

"I never thought my boy was in danger until I took a look at him one day and realized he was listening to classical music," says South African sociology professor James Packer, who devised the six-item checklist. After that I became aware that he was wearing girlish colors like pink and powder blue.

"My son denied it, but I knew he was heading toward a strange love life and a future as a hairdresser or ballet dancer. Luckily, I caught it in time."

Dr. Packer says his experiences helped him isolate the signs that indicate a kid is going gay:

Clothing Style: Watch for feminine touches in your son's clothing. Soft, clingy fabrics and pale, girlish colors are definite warning signs that he's losing his sexual orientation.

Reading: A boy who hangs out indoors and reads instead of playing ball with the other guys most likely has problems.

Certain periodicals - like *Playboy* - are okay, but if your son is reading something romantic, like *Gone With The Wind*, he's probably teetering on the edge of homosexuality.

Friends: Watch out if your son is bringing home "buddies" who wear earrings, tight T-shirts or heavy perfumes. And, of course, if he's hanging out with male flight attendants and people like that, it's a good indication that he's running with a homo crowd.

Sports: All red-blooded males enjoy sports like hockey and basketball. If your kid doesn't like sports, or chooses hobbies like knitting or flower arranging, he needs help!

Music: Normal kids like rock music or country and western

tunes. They don't listen to classical pieces or recordings of Liberace.

Dating: After the age of 11 or so, boys learn to worship members of the opposite sex. If your son usually hangs out with guys and avoid dating, have a little talk with him.



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If you would like to help shop for or deliver the gift boxes please contact Gord woolley of M.C.C. at 436-8774. God Bless You!

* MCC, Gay & Lesbian Community Centre, Boystown Cafe, Buddy's Pub, AIDS Network, Lyon's Empire Video, Orlando Books, Boots and Saddle, The Roost and Front Page

MCC will be holding a Christmas Eve workshop service at 11 PM



Dear Sassy

Have a problem, need an answer? Drop our

overly medicated, but impeccably dressed Sassy Sinn a short but sweet letter outlining your dilemma. Answers based on fact, fiction and the alignment of the stars to Uranus. Sassy will try to answer your inquiries on sex, relationships, etiquette and fashion tips.

DEAR SASSY,

This is our dilemma, my girlfriend and I want to have different Christmas decoration themes. She wants a simple little Christmas tree, while I'd like a huge tree and decorations galore. Do you have any suggestions?

Wanting a Winter Wonderland

DEAR WANTING,

There is a simple conclusion for the two of you to draw upon. She may not want the huge muss 'n fuss because if she's anything like me, she may not mind the decorating part, but despise the aftermath cleanup. That's where Conchita, my housekeeper, comes in handy. But if a maid does not figure into your scope of reality, then compromise. Take responsibility for the post season decor demolition. You could actually have two parties, one for the garnishment and then another for the ever

popular Christmas tree razing. Any excuse for a soiree and people will attend.

DEAR SASSY,

My partner is going to spend the holidays "in the closet" with his family, so naturally I'm not invited. I don't mind the fact that he is not out to them, it is something he must do on his own schedule. But that leaves me alone for the holidays since my family lives overseas. I have been invited to Christmas gatherings with other friends who are spending the festivities with their family. I would like to go, but I feel as if I'd be imposing. Should I refuse, or should I go?

Left to my own festive devices.

Dear Isolated,

There is absolutely nothing wrong with accepting the invitation to celebrate the Yuletide season with your friend's family. If there was an infringement on your behalf, the request never should have been made. That would definitely constitute contemptuous behavior. An alternative plan may be more to your predilection. You could throw what I like to call an Orphan's Christmas Fete. Invite all the people whom you know that will not be able to spend Christmas with family and celebrate. You will be surrounded by happy and joyous people you like, and isn't that what this affair is all about.

Dear Sassy Why is it that annoying people insist on imitating every cool aspect of your life and claiming credit for the clever things you say and do?

Just wondering, Aped and Irate.

Dear Aped,

Being funny is easy; just ask any kid to pull your finger. Being clever and sophisticated takes a wee bit more temporal effort. An effort that most people can't exert. As you probably already know "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." All I can suggest to you is look at the situation as a challenge, by remaining eternally bright and continuing to stay ahead of the dull-witted.

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Vertically Challenged they were calling themselves.
And labor conditions at the north pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!
The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called Unenlightened.
And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in over-due compensation.
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.
And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion
That making a choice could cause so much commotion.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,



Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.
No candy or sweets — they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.
No baseball, no football — someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.
So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.
Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere, even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth.
May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth.



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This is the transcript of an ACTUAL radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995.

*Radio conversation released
by the Chief of Naval
Operations 10-10-95.*

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

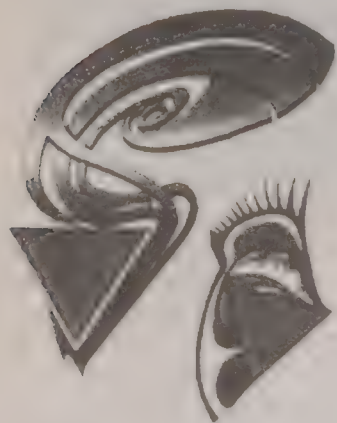
Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS MISSOURI, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



SOUNDS OF JOY *by DJ Joy*



Dancing into the Christmas holiday season, and into the New Year leaving behind a year that started off slow in the music

scene, but became a most successful year for Rave. I realized this on Sunday, the day after Nexus, sitting down with D.Js Sherridon from Calgary, Pascal from Vancouver, Roman from Seattle and a few good friends, back lashing stories to one another about past events like in Edmonton Stress, Space, Summer school. And of course we will never forget Nexus.

In Saskatoon, there was Asendance with West bam and D.J Misha as well as The Tempel with Union Jack. In Edmonton, I believe we should all give special thanks to Nicky for Nexus being the biggest Rave ever held in Edmonton, with 1200-1500 people. And those of you that weren't to the Rave, I hope you got a chance to go into the jumping castle. If you have never been to a Rave, give it a try. You know, you just might enjoy it. Spinning into the Christmas season, more and more people are going to look for that perfect stocking stuffer. Nothing says "I love you" more then that perfect C.D. Here are a few Christmas gift ideas.

1) **BERLIN UNWRAPPED** is an incredible compilation that offers 21 exclusive tracks and a seven minute C.D-ROM video of the LOVE PARADE. New songs by Deep space network, Josh Wink, Paul Van Dyk and Time Unlimited can be found on this C.D alone with many other fantastic groups that played the LOVE PARADE in Berlin. You might have to order this C.D to get it because it is so new that it has not even touched Canada's music stores.

2) **Faithless (Insomnia)** This incredible single from Cheeky Records is a must on the Christmas list. Getting this would put you way out of the every day league in music. Why buy music that every one has. Get this track and be way ahead of your time. If you were at the Rave at the Roost when I was DJing, and you liked the opening song I played, well here it is. Good luck!

3) **Robert Miles (Dreamland)** Well, Robert Miles fans, if you like his song Children Witch. which is about 3 years old, by the way, you will find other of his songs just as good. You can also find the one song Children on Platipus Records The Ultimate Dream Collection a fantastic compilation that lets you experience more then just Robert Miles. Not saying Robert Miles is bad, or anything. It's just that I did a write

up on him about a year and a half ago before he was popular.

4) **Hackers** - This took me by surprise as being a really good compilation field with classics by Underworld, Leftfield, Prodigy, Carl Cox and Orbital. Getting something like this under the Christmas tree could make a lot of people happy. Think about it. Hmmm!

5) **STATE OF THE ART** - Will light up under the Christmas tree and glow as much as the star on top. This comp: is generally relaxing. So if you just looking for laid back up front music, this one's for you. With groups like Aphex Twin, Cracked, Speedy J, and many more you will find it a plus to the music collection.

6) **TRANCE ON EARTH** - I found this not as good as it looks. A compilation of 11 tracks and only few are really good. This goes to show you that there is not a thing wrong with getting a little help finding that right C.D. If you are a big fan of Hypnotic Records, give it a try. But just listen to it before you buy it.

7) **MIXMAG** (live) If you are looking for a premixed

C.D, this is definitely worth the price. World class DJs such as Carl Cox, Richie Hottin, Moby and Laurent Garnier have mixed live on this C.D. As well, other incredible artists.

8) **LEFTFIELD** (Leftism) It's an older one, but a good one. Columbia Records still holds on to this one. As Leftfield is more than just a few classics, but has a few really good acid tracks on it.

And there we have Christmas! A time where people get together, exchange expensive gifts, looking to another full year of paying off the bills. Merry Xmas everyone, and the best of the new year. Once again, if you want to write about any comments, or have any questions, just write. I am all ears.

DJ JOY

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Our SUPPORT Groups & SERVICES

If you are an Edmonton based Gay or Lesbian Community non-profit group and wish to be included in this directory send a short description to Times .10 Magazine, 10121-124 St, Edmonton, AB T5N 1P5 or Fax us at 488-6927 or email at dcambly@planet.eon.net

- **AIDS Network of Edmonton Society**
The Network retains its original operating philosophy: to provide support and education wherever it can be helpful in north-central Alberta. AIDS Network of Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. Today the network provides: Education, Info-Line, Speakers Bureau, Resource material and various Support groups. If you wish to know more about the Network call 488-5742

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

- **AXIOS - Edmonton**
AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available via the Internet. Contact Dushan at 454-8449 for more information.

- **Bare Naked Boys Club of Edmonton - BNBCE**
A naturalist group of gay men in Edmonton interested in social nudity. This is not a sex club. Men of all ages welcome. Call Fred at 469-7231 for information.

- **Dignity Edmonton**
This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay, lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Dennis at 482-6845

- **Edmonton Prime Timers**
Prime Timers is a social fraternity for older gay and bisexual men and their friends. The purpose of Prime Timers is to provide an opportunity for mature gay men to fraternize and join together in a program of social activities. Meetings held 2nd Sunday each month at the Unitarian Church at 3:00 p.m. If you would like more information address correspondence to Chairman, Edmonton Prime Timers, Suite 1093, 11444 - 119 Street, Edmonton, T5G 2X6. Contact Terry at 477-3463.

- **Edmonton Vocal Minority**
We are a group of women and men who join together in a common love for music, and the desire to build a greater spirit of unity and pride in the gay and lesbian community. We strive to bridge the gap which can separate us from the mainstream of society. Persons who wish to sing with the choir should call David at 424-1561. Support members are welcome to join by phoning Lorna at 423-6987.

- **Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society**
The Feather of Hope was founded on a need to provide AIDS education and support to Native People in Alberta.

Through education and the development of communities in partnership, it is hoped that the spread of AIDS will be lessened. We offer training and education programs, as well as support through traditional ways. Volunteers are very important to us, if you can help, or would simply like some more information call 488-5773

- **Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (G.L.C.C.E.)**
The centre contributes to the well-being of Edmonton's gay, lesbian and bisexual community through informational, social support services and its social information line. The services offered by the centre include an information line, telephone referrals, library, drop-in peer support counselling and social activities arranged and sponsored by the centre. Further information is available at 488-3234

- **Gaylines**
A special telephone service is available. The intent of this line is to aid in the forming of a central information net that will aid all walks of life. Messages are outgoing only. The line is setup in a single location that will be permanent and will also be listed in the phone directory. It is free to all Alternative Lifestyles, Support groups, Clubs, Individuals and Businesses. Call 486-9661 to request your mailbox.

- **Gay and Lesbian Awareness (G.A.L.A.)**
We are an organization interested in human rights issues especially related to sexual orientation and changing Federal and Provincial legislation. We are always interested in new members. If you are interested call Murray Billet at 482-7421

- **Illusions Social Club**
A social club for Crossdressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. Our main goal is to provide a safe, discreet and friendly atmosphere where we can socialize as a group. We also provide information and peer support for members. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information write to Illusions Social Club, Box 33002, Glenwood P.O., Edmonton, AB, T5P 4V8; or phone either 488-3234 (GLCC) on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person to person or 486-9661 box 1 to leave a message.

- **Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose**
The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations which either provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held monthly on the last Wednesday. For meeting location and time please see the Court notice boards in Boots and Saddle or the Roost. You may also call Gaylines at 486-9661 and press box 27. <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5904>

- **Interfaith Association on AIDS Edmonton**
The purpose of this association is to sensitize local faith communities and their leaders to the unique spiritual and emotional needs of those infected by HIV/AIDS. The following faith communities are included: Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church, Roman Catholic, Temple Beth Ora, Ukrainian Catholic, Unitarian and United Churches. Phone 448-1768 for more information.

- **Lambda Christian Community Church**
We are a non-denominational evangelical

Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God. Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Church) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p.m.

- **Liaison Committee, The**
In June of 1993 Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community for met a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more Info call Edmonton Police Service at 424-7248 (page 293) or Murray Billet at 482-7421

- **Lipstick Lesbian Youth Peer Support**
This is an organization intended to allow all femme lesbians and bisexuals the chance to meet and realize that they are not alone. Our goal is not to segregate the lesbian community, but to acknowledge that femmes do exist. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with other femmes. Please call 988-4836 for more information.

- **Living Positive**
Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768

- **Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton**
We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call Tim at 482-2294, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: luthconc@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

- **Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)**
We are a local church within the denomination of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Our major focus is to the defranchised of society. The UFMCC allows anyone to feel a part of the Christian Community and to claim our place in God's Universe. Services are open to all. We worship on Sunday evenings at 7:15 at McDougall United Church - South entrance. Please feel free to join us! Call 429-2321 for more information.

- **Northern Chaps**
Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established six years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern chaps meets at Boots & Saddle on the first and third Friday of each month at 9 PM.

- **Northern Titans**
Northern Titans is the Gay and Lesbian bowling league in Edmonton. You are welcome to join either as a team member or a drop in. There is a \$12.00 charge for shoes and three games. The 96/97 bowling season starts in September. Call 454-1458 for Info.

- **Out and Out**
A recreational based group who welcome all into their organization. Outdoor

activities are planned for the entire year. Contact their Hotline at 988-3232 for more information.

- **OUTreach**
OUTreach is a university based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on campus; main floor of the Athabasca hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by calling 988-4166.

- **PFLAG**
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Newsletter editor Ellen at 465-3057. Outreach to speak confidentially to a PFLAG volunteer 944-1394, Voice Box 3524 (PFLAG) Mon-Thurs, 7-9:30 p.m. (Recording 24 hrs a day).

- **Pink Triangle Youth of Edmonton (P.T.Y.E.)**
The Pink Triangle Youth Group is a program offered by the Community Centre. The youth group exists so that young people age 16 to 21 - lesbians, gays, bisexuals and those wondering about their sexuality can explore their feelings, meet other young people like themselves. Information is available to all along with fun in a safe, supportive environment. Phone 488-1574 for more information about the Youth Group.

- **S.O.L.O.**
Social Organization for Lesbians Only is a group that gets together for fun and recreation. Lesbians over 18 are welcome to join in for weekend functions and entertainment. We combine friendship, companionship and support with singles and couples welcome. Call Linda at 447-4776 for more information

- **Team Edmonton**
Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for person interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton call 486-9661 Box 16 or 482-2789

- **Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton**
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender discussion group. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Call UCE at 454-8073 or Anita at 454-1992. Not necessarily Christian.

- **Womonspace**
The purpose of Womonspace is to foster a positive Lesbian identity among ourselves and the larger community. We hold dances, produce a newsletter and hold other activities. For information call the Lesbian Life at 425-0511.

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Larry and David, along with apprentice piercer Michael Kurylo and apprentice Tattooist Shawn E. set up camp on Edmonton's Whyte Avenue. The Pagan's staff felt that they

could offer Albertans a uniquely special approach to the body modification arts; where custom artwork, straight answers, and quality aftercare would combine to make the tattooing and piercing process personalized, friendly, safe, and pleasurable.

Pagan's Hammer has quickly established a reputation of a world class studio where each staff member has a unique approach and style to their art form. Specialities include Oriental, Wildlife, Bio-mechanical, Tribal, and Native American imagery, as well.... cover-ups and re-work of old and less tasteful "accidents". Larry and Michael offer a complete range of body piercing services including scrupulous aftercare procedures. Custom jewellery and artwork can

also be negotiated upon request.

So, if you're in the market for body-mods, or just have a few questions, drop in and see the gang at 10762-82 Ave., Edmonton, AB (403) 413-3289. Or you can check out our web page <http://www.amazed.nl/~adldb/pagan1.html>. Please feel free to email us at paladin@oanet.com anytime.... we will be more than happy to answer your questions or concerns.

Roost Raises Funds & Fun

On Monday, November 11, 1996, the Roost had its 12th annual AIDS benefit for AIDS research and Kairos House.

The night started at 6pm with light music and cocktails. At 8pm the cut-a-thon with Tammy doing all the haircuts started raising about \$130.00. The show started at 10:30pm with Jackie Two-Step and Bev Crest hosting. A star studded cast of performers entertained.

The second show started at midnight with a presentation of a cheque to Kairos House of \$1,000.00 from BNB Karaoke, plus \$1,600.00 raised from Karaoke, all together from Karaoke we raised \$2,600.00 for the year.

Many door and raffle prizes were given out including a 26" stereo TV going to Kinley De Hammel. The second show was hosted by Sticky Vicky and Wena Luv. Twiggy, Endora, Natasha and others were also highlighted.

Management and staff donated all their wages for the event.

Management of the Roost would like to thank all the people who participated in the night we raised \$2,000.00 for AIDS research, totaling \$4,600.00.



PRESS RELEASE PRIDE & PREJUDICE NEWS SITE

<http://www.lmg.com/mahoney/jsmgay.htm>

As some of you may already know our GLBT Political/Legal News site Pride & Prejudice (<http://www.lmg.com/mahoney/jsmgay.htm>) has made the November issue of OUT Magazine and due to much praise for the "low graphics, short summary news motif" we are currently seeking GLTBs from all corners of the globe to contribute "Local summaries" of news happenings in their areas. What we are hoping to accomplish is a Local, National and Global Online Newspaper for the Global GLBT community.

We hope this online news site will provide not only a news service but activism and charity information as well, making it possible for all of us to become involved in the political and legal issues that are affecting our lives in an efficient and speedy manner. We believe that since you pay for your online hours and your time is important that fancy graphics and pretty pictures is not the information you seek when looking for news.

What you want is the "CNN" of the GLBT community—QINN (pronounced like quinn)....

Queer Internet News Network.

If any of you are interested in volunteering to contribute "local summaries" whenever possible or daily if the news is that frequent, please respond—we would be happy to have you on our team to help us achieve these goals. If this new venture achieves the success we feel it is bound for, there may be permanent, paid positions in the future.

Again, we currently have 13 States covered in just a few days. Jump on board and help QINN become the #1 source for GLBT news.

Jennifer Mahoney <fonda@u.washington.edu>
Site Administrator/Creator
Pride & Prejudice
<http://www.lmg.com/mahoney/jsmgay.htm>

Come out Come out where ever you are!

Coming out! when, how, where, to whom are things each of us must consider when we decide to take the giant step out of the proverbial "closet". A tremendously difficult decision for those living in Alberta, as this province makes coming out a more difficult issue. I used to be so far in closet that I my shoulders had points on either side as result of the hanger and the heavy societal weight that was placed on me not to come out. Coming out personally, and publicly, has been a lengthy process. It has, for the most part, been rewarding. The discouragement that does exist flows from this government's antiquated attitude. Thier refusal to extend equal rights to our community has serious ramifications on an individual's decision to "come out". Alberta and PEI are the only provinces left that do not provide legislative prohibitions that include sexual orientation.

We live in a province that challenged the provincial court ruling that found that sexual orientation must be read into our human rights legislation, the Individual Rights Protection Act. What kind of message does that put out to the narrow- minded folks that think it is cool to go out "gay bashing", or the bigots (AKA rednecks) who so blatantly discriminate? The government's decision to appeal told many Alberta families that this government does not believe in equal rights. That is why our community is proceeding to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Delwin Vriend Defense fund has been set up for donations if you wish to help with this court challenge

So what does the reality of being Gay, Lesbian, or bisexual in this province mean to individuals, their families and friends? It leads to questions like: Will this cost me my job? Will my landlord evict me? Will I be able to attain services with out any repercussions? How will I be treated by my family and friends? Do I really want to grow up gay in this hateful society? These are some of the harsh realities.

Whether you are single or married, with or without kids, coming out can be incredibly difficult with unknown consequences. Those realities must be considered by those that are struggling with orientation based issues. Suicide is a frightening choice for many, particularly young men and women. A recent study by two prominent Alberta doctors have found that Alberta has one of the highest youth suicide rates in Canada, as well as worldwide! In 1992/93 it was over eight times what it was forty years previously. Several studies indicate that adolescents with a same sex orientation are at extreme risk for suicide, comprising over 30% of all completed adolescent male suicides annually. Society puts so much pressure on an individual and a family to fit in. Wear this, drink this buy that: do this, go there, sleep with her, sleep with him. This is society's expectations of who and what you should be. Do not let this kind of pressure change the way you feel about yourself. If you need help speak to those who's judgment your trust. Be true to yourself, after all honesty and integrity is of the utmost importance. The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre (GLCCE) can also be of assistance in a number of ways. (488-3234) If you are a parent: of a gay of lesbian, there is a more powerful advocate than a parent, be proud of yours kids. There is also PFLAG as a tremendous resource for parents. The process does not have to be one of breaking the hinges off the closet door as you proudly march out that hideous place designed for clothes and

not for people. It is a very individual decision. You can quietly support your community by spending your money in establishments that are a proud part of our community. You can financially, or politically, support community groups and their organizations. Support those groups who support our community. By staying in the closet, we make ourselves invisible; by coming

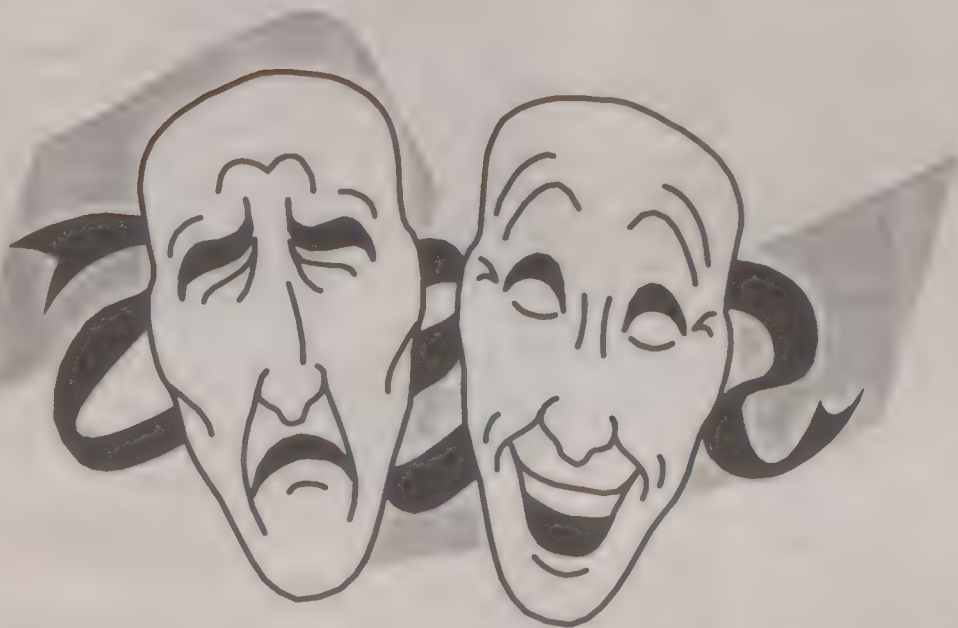
out, we shatter the popular illusion that the whole world is heterosexual. The courts and government are simply a reflection of society.

By coming out to our friends, families and co workers, we can help change society from the inside out. Why we are colored, Jewish or Homosexuals is totally irrelevant,

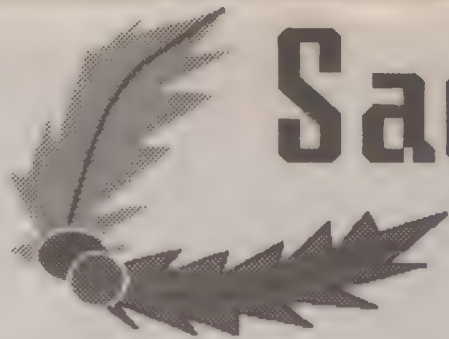
and whether we can be changed to whites, Christians or heterosexuals is equally irrelevant. Respect and dignity is imperative for all. Each of you can make a difference if you care about equality. Discrimination hinders coming out. More importantly, coming out hinders discrimination.

Finally, from my chosen family to all of you and your family, the very best wishes for the holiday season. May 1997 be better than all years previous. With much pride Murray G. Billett Director of GALA Gay and Lesbian Awareness, Co-Chair of The Edmonton Police Service, Gay and Lesbian Community Liaison, Committee EGALE Edmonton representative Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere.

With PRIDE Murray G. Billett
Edmonton AB, Canada



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Christmas Eve Dec.24 3-Midnight

Christmas Day Dec.25 3-1am.

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**The Staff and Managment would like to wish everyone
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From the Editor

by Dennis Cambly



*"Underground sight and sound,
Human symphony
Heard the voice and had no choice
Needed to be free..." J Hayward*

It must be scary in there, in that closeted world in which you live. Living in the fear of someone reaching out and offering a simple love. Why are you so afraid? Yes darling, we see the show you put on for those of us on the outside. Cold hearted and scared is the message you send. Is it just that thought of having love for someone of the same sex that let's you hide inside. You have tried so long to find an easier, softer way but none of the them have worked for you. Perhaps it is your confusion between lust and love, that is assuming you know the difference. Deep inside that cave you call your mind lies the beauty that you allow no one to touch. So sad, that you will miss such silly things such as truth, honesty, integrity, companionship and friendship. Most of all, you will miss the true depths and heights of love. The power of love would have lifted you out of yourself and then there would be a new beginning. Too bad that you have chosen to lock yourself up and become your own jailer.

You have been alone in your thoughts of what "friends" or "family" say, that opportunities come and go faster than your heartbeat. You are the only one who can take off the chains that bind you. Today, however, it has become fashionable to bind oneself to past incidents and persons and blame them for every fear and problem. Each one however, has a key, and it is up to you to take off the chains, and let them go! As you sit pondering your next move, the years roll along and so do your risks and chances at living.

Lost in a lost world, or as John Lennon once said: "life is what you are doing while you are waiting for something to happen.."

You will find yourself wandering aimlessly through a desert that has an occasional mirage of life. Alas, you will find nothing real there at all. Give your opportunities a chance, and you will find that you will come to terms with life and love within yourself. The fantasy that you live in will vanish once you understand which is right and which is an illusion.

There you stand so proud by the river of life watching it drift by, but, until you jump in, you will not get to know of life's terrific flow of energy. Simply get rid of the wreckage of your past and the freedom you will gain will not be measurable. Instead of falling deeper into the quicksand of time, your feet will find solid ground. Loving another person, no matter who the person is, will become a wonderful door of opportunity, instead of another chain of fools. Your sense of abandonment will vanish and that lonely prison you have yourself surrounded by, will simply disappear.

However, you must be cautioned that things will not happen as they do on a soap opera. Remember, those are only people being paid to baby-sit the bored of mind. As in so much of our world things happen at rapid paces, yet the human heart takes time in finding its way around every corner. That is why we get rid of all the baggage from our past, it bogs down the heart and mind. Each day, we are pounded on by millions of sights and sounds. Which are real? And which ones show us the road to freedom?

*"Cos it's easier to try
Than to prove it can't be done
And it's easier to stay
Than to turn around and run..." J Hayward*

Easy, hell no. Gonna take a lotta love and patience with yourself.

Commentary

by Lorn Iseke
Assistant to Editor



Approval, the one thing every one has wanted. I have accepted the fact that approval is something I will not always receive. So what, if someone doesn't like the way you dress, what you do, or whom you do it with, oh well. There is no one saying they have to like you, and no one said you have to please the world.

Holding this view, I believe, has made my life where ever I have been, much more pleasant. Something can't bother you if you refuse to let it. Just think for a moment how much freer your heart and mind would feel, if you were able to walk down the street with the person you share your love, hand in hand, knowing that the looks and whispers hold no power. Easier said than done, we all know. Just remember the views' people hold can change, but they won't unless they are shown otherwise. Then maybe, one day, acceptance will be something we can all say we hold firmly within our soul. Until then, do not be afraid to be you. Stand firm, both feet on the ground, show the world who you are, and what you have to offer. No one loved the diamond until someone showed the world it could sparkle in the sun.

Well there it is, my first editorial with Times.10 Magazine. If there is something you wish to hear my views on, please feel free to write or e-mail me from our site at <http://www.times10.org> or at the address on the inside front page of the magazine. Until then Merry Christmas, be You and be Happy.

And Just for a bit of Humour:

Kids say the darnedest things. Some grade school teachers must agree with that, because they keep journals of amusing things their students have written in papers. Here are a few examples:

"The parts of speech are lungs and air."

"A census taker is a man who goes from house to house increasing the population."

"A city purifies its water supply by filtering the water then forcing it through an aviator."

"The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 opossums."

"To prevent head colds, use an agonizer to spray into the nose until it drips into the throat."

"Syntax is all the money collected at the church from sinners."

"Iron was discovered because someone smelt it."

A teacher forwarded this list of comments from test papers, essays, etc., submitted to science and health teachers by elementary, junior high, high school, and college students.

As she noted, "It is truly astonishing what weird science our young scholars can create under the pressures of time and grades."

"To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars."

"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

"Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration."

"Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."

"The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to."

"The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight."

"Before giving a blood transusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."

File came to us email from Bill Lee. He does not know from whence it came!

Christmas Blues: Joy to our World?

By Reverend Charles Bidwell
Metropolitan Community Church - 429-2321

Christmas makes me sad. It's not supposed to. But it does. It's getting so there are more things I dislike about Christmas than there are things I like. Maybe I've just lost the spirit and the hope that's supposed to be present at the darkest time of the year in Edmonton.

Christmas is a time to give, 'they' tell us, and the commercialization of the whole gift-giving thing has got me down. I dread having to go shopping for people when I don't have a clue what they would appreciate. I wander aimlessly, and with growing frustration at the surveying and selecting process. I sometimes get what I'd like to get, but not even that is satisfying. I've even written and asked my cousin and brother if we couldn't just stop buying gifts for each other (perhaps continue for the children, but even then I have no idea what they would now enjoy) - they live back east and never communicate. It's like a duty or obligation, and my heart's not in it any more. I love to give something to someone when I have a good idea what they want or need, but setting out because I feel obligated to buy someone something when I have no idea as to what that something is that they would appreciate drains me. Please don't give me anything out of obligation or guilt.

I live in hope because I see more people just sending a card or making a simple gift (a jar of preserves, some home-made fudge, a poem, a story, a drawing, a jar of cashews, a special soap, a candle, a personal certificate for a service you'll render, a little extravagance someone would not usually get for themselves). There is hope that I will be free to give without guilt or not give without shame.

Christmas is a time for family, 'they' tell us, but I sense so much pain around those friends who have families who have rejected them, or families who do not welcome their partners. I hear their horror stories of each having to go to their own blood relatives when their hearts are torn apart because they would really rather be together. They go "home" out of duty and family pressure to please a parent, even when that parent has forbidden their soul-mate to come home with them. There are also those people who feel that they don't have, or actually do not have, a family to share the Christmas time with. I'd invite them to connect with someone else who feels the same way and resolve to spend some time together.

I live in hope as I work at creating my own "family of choice", until being with my blood relatives is a joy. There is hope when we reach



out beyond ourselves. Its hard to spread affection around without getting some in return; for every hug you give you usually get one or more in return. And when you offer to massage someone's shoulders, have you ever had them reject the gift. Christmas is a time for love for all humans, 'they' tell us, and I'm sad that it comes so slowly and evaporates so quickly. We see hampers made and given, toys collected and given and two weeks later we're back in our comfortable ruts, never thinking about the marginalized and impoverished in our community.

I see hope in that the Bissell Centre, and the Inner City Pastoral Care group feed over 250 people lunch every Sunday of the year. I see hope when people call and find out how they can help with that "kitchen" ministry to others. I see hope when more people volunteer an evening a week, or a time on the weekend to help out at the AIDS Network or the GLCCE or some church or other service agency all year long. That's loving more than once a year; that's what true Christmas spirit is - a giving of self all year long. It's also a great way to meet other giving people who are also volunteering.

Christmas makes me sad when I think of all the people who are depressed by what they don't have at Christmas. They see images of happy families and generous friends and don't experience these themselves. They don't see any hope for the future and Christmas just makes them feel that despair more keenly. I've been there. I even contemplated suicide once when I felt trapped in a society that condemned who I was and when I saw no way that I would be loved as the gay man I am. Thank God I didn't carry my thoughts through to action. I can't recall what kept me going, but I have seen enough change in society over the last half century to have great hope that we are learning and growing in spirit. I experience that Edmonton is a better place to live than it was when I came here 25 years ago. Maybe it takes some perspective to see the slow progress, but progress is there. This Christmas I'll be sad but I'll also be glad that I'm a valued volunteer and have a chosen family to spend time with singing carols and playing games. That's my prayer for all of us - offering ourselves as a gift to one another all year long; that will really bring "joy to our world!"

The invisible fog:

What would life be like
if every step you took
every path you choose
every situation you approached
every friend you made

was in a fog?

Perhaps it would seem clear to you
because you could never see the fog
and since you never saw the fog
you could continue to say
it can't be there because I can't see it

but when a friend points it out

you can still deny it because
you don't see it
you live in it, and are a part of it
it has become your friend
your companion

if you could see it

how would it look?
would it be deep and dark
and hard to penetrate
concealing you from all but the strongest
thoughts and activities

if you could feel it

would it block off your hurt feelings
or just your feelings of ambition and striving
of your desire to succeed
and to be more than
your are now?

If someone could describe it

would you listen to their words
or the anger in their voices
or the compassion in their words
or could you see through the fog
to the true meaning in their message?

and if someone told you it didn't have to be that way

would you dare to have hope
to move towards clarity
to leave the old foggy companion behind
and take the strong clear steps
into the light or your new day

some already have been given this choice

but decide to wait, to hesitate
as if waiting will make things better
as if waiting will do anything
good
at all

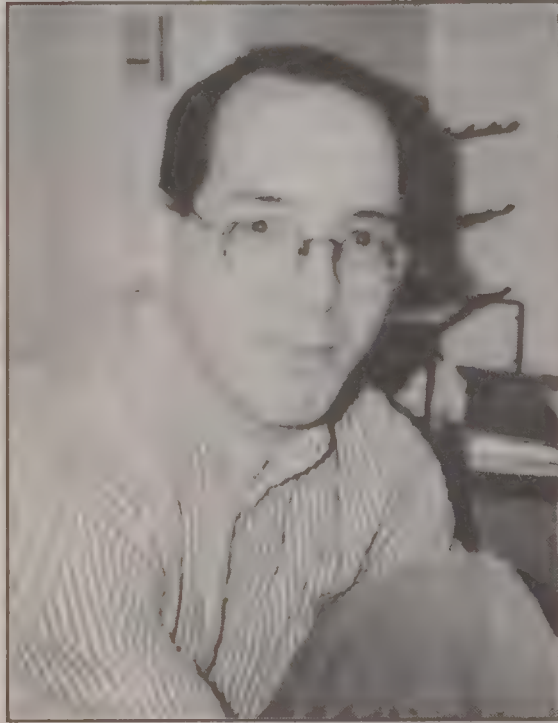
Are you ready to control your life

Will you take control
clear away the fog
do whatever it takes
begin today
and let the past remain the past

now is your chance to walk!

What is an Urban Cow?

The Urban Cow Ltd.



10709 Jasper Avenue is the address of the newest Gay-Owned business in Edmonton. The Urban Cow is located beside the Scotia bank, across the street from Audrey's Books. The final preparations are almost

complete - awaiting the official Grand Opening during the first week of November. Although taken over by Richard Kennair in July of this year and open since that time, the store has been renovated, and the inventory totally replaced, to provide an eclectic mix, sure to meet the tastes of most people. Greeting

cards, unique gifts and ornaments, custom framing, and full service photo finishing, are all available at The Urban Cow. Card lines such as lesbigay oriented 10% Productions, Lavender Expressions and Paper Moon, are sure to provide the desired message to whomever you want to send a card to. The unique gift oriented items provide a special showcase of local talent, from hand crafted candles to wrought iron candlesticks, crafted ornaments and angels. The Urban Cow is not solely limited to a physical presence in the downtown core. Coming in time for the Grand Opening, is The Urban Cow On-Line (<http://www.urbancow.com>) ... an on-line card and gift shop, which will allow one to order from the on-line catalogue (through

secured servers), or send a Virtual "Herd of Laughter" card to another via Email. We look forward to seeing you all at The Urban Cow.



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10:00 Meet & Greet at Boots

Scheduled Guests
-1995/96 Mr. BC Bear Lance

Saturday Dec. 7th

8:00 Beer Bash at Boots
9:00 The 1996 Mr. Edmonton Bear Contest

Scheduled Guests
-1995/96 Mr. BC Bear Lance L.
-1996/97 Mr. BC Bear Michael P.

<http://www.amazed.nl/~adldb/sirmike.html> My Home Page - Sir Michael

<http://www.amazed.nl/~adldb/bears-ed.html> B.E.A.R.S. Edmonton

Dance for Life is back again - Sunday December 1, 1996 (World AIDS Day). It sounds like it will be a lot of fun.

Dance for Life offers classes for beginners to intermediates and advanced in a variety of dance forms - jazz, tap, ballet, modern, Sacred Circle, hot Latin rhythms, East Indian, music theatre, cha cha, tango, jive, Flamenco, belly dancing, line dancing, two-stepping, hip hop (and more).

To participate you need to register and raise \$40 or more in pledges per class.

You must be aged 14 year or older

A Voice From GLCCE

By Fred Dicker



The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Edmonton would like to wish everyone the best for the holiday season. We at the Center are not planning any events for the Holidays but will remain open on all non-holiday weekdays from 7 to 10 PM for drop in, peer counselling and library services. We will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Call our information line at 988-4018 to see what is happening in our community through the Holidays.

In October, the center started a drop-in program in addition to our regular drop-in by offering a community theme movie at no cost on Wednesday evenings and having a speaker/discussion night on Thursday evenings. Give us a call to find out what is happening or if you have any suggestions.

Wednesday November 13 -
Torch Song Trilogy
Thursday November 14 - HIV/AIDS and related subjects discussion
Wednesday November 20 - Living End
Thursday November 21 - Gay Men's Outreach Crew a discussion
Wednesday November 27 -
My Own Private Idaho
Thursday November 28 - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Who are they and what do they do - a discussion
Wednesday December 4 -
When Night Is Falling
Thursday December 5 -
Womospace - Who are they and what do they do

The Board of Directors of the Center are starting a fund raising program called the Center Renter Program. "The Center Renter campaign is a unique opportunity for busy people who may not be able to make a commitment of volunteer time but still believe in the Center and what it provides to our

community. Consider a financial donation of the equivalent of one or two hours personal earnings per month. This ongoing financial support will allow our volunteers to focus their work in program areas and not on fund

raising." Many community members will be receiving information in the mail. Call if you would like more information. The Center is currently conducting a peer-counselling course with a class of 13 excellent students and we are enthusiastically looking forward to having them on staff at the Center in the New Year. There will be another course in the New Year for anyone who is interested in helping those in our community who need our peer counselling service.

The Gay Mens Outreach Crew is currently holding a course called "Being Gay in the 90's" with support from the Center. There will be another course in the New Year for gay and bi-sexual men by GMOC as well as a similar course for lesbian and bi-sexual women conducted by the Center. These are

discussion based courses to deal with most of the issues of les-bi-gay life to improve community members self-esteem and well being.

The Center would like to congratulate the Edmonton Vocal Minority for their very successful Castle Ball on October 26. If you were not there, then you missed one of the best parties ever held in our community.

Everyone at the Center is really excited about all that is happening in our community and we are looking forward to a great year in 1997.

Fred Dicker, Male Chair Center phone 488-3234

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AIDS Network Edmonton needs Volunteers

VOLUNTEER— The Canadian Dictionary defines a volunteer as "a person who offers or performs a voluntary service, especially a public service", and voluntary as "done, made, given, etc. of one's own free will; not forced or compelled". Like many not-for-profit organizations, the AIDS Network of Edmonton (A.N.E.) Society relies heavily on volunteers to help provide education and support to those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. We could always use a few more people to lend a hand in any number of areas.

What kind of jobs need to be done? Take your pick. There is the reception desk (if you've ever phoned the Network and been cut off, put on hold for half an hour, or

connected to the wrong person, that was probably my fault - Sorry!), the resource room, care giving to HIV positive individuals, speaking at schools and other facilities, selling red ribbons at the symphony, opera, or other events and the list goes on. Volunteering at the A.N.E. is not without its rewards. There are certain tangible benefits: Betty, the secretary, thinks I'm too skinny so she is always feeding me, and there are volunteer appreciation parties. More important to me, however, are the intangible benefits: receiving a standing ovation after a speaking engagement, the sincere thanks and hugs from the staff, and the friendships with the staff, other volunteers, and clients.

If you think that you might enjoy volunteering at the AIDS Network, give June a call at 488-5742. We'd love to have you.

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The 50 Biggest Tattoo Lies

1. TATTOOED PEOPLE ARE COOLER.

Not so. From personal experience I can tell you that somehow, somewhere, some real dweebs managed to get tattooed. (and you most likely know some of them too)

2. A TATTOO WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

Depends on how you go about it. Getting some dumb little blip inked on your butt probably won't affect you for more then a week or so. Once the thrill wears off, you'll be right back into your everyday rut. But thinking out the right design and getting a knock-ye-socks-off piece may just inspire you to make some other changes in your life.

3. TATTOOS ARE A RITE OF PASSAGE

Sometimes tattoos are just that....tattoos. Not every ink event is fraught with deep emotional significance.

4. TATTOO ARTIST ARE SHAMANS

Maybe some are. Most are just business men and women trying to make a living with their art.

5. ARTISTS LOVE CLIENTS WHO TAKE AN INTEREST.

Tattoo artist expect you to ask the important questions, look through their portfolios, and don't begrudge spending time working on a custom design. But once you're in the chair they'd like you to sit still and quit wiggling around to observe the tattoo's progress

6. ARTIST LIKE CLIENTS WHO SAY "DO WHATEVER YOU WANT"

Nobody wants the responsibility of coming up with a design for someone else to wear forever. Unless you've been working with a particular artist for a long time, don't expect him or her to design your tattoos from scratch with no input from you

7. EVERY TATTOOIST HAS ARTISTIC TALENT.

Unfortunately, this is false.

8. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A REAL ARTIST TO TATTOO.

For a lot of wannabe tattooers, this statement is false. also, like all artists, every tattooist needs to have a good grasp of the tried-and-true principles of composition, colour and shading to be able to apply a decent tattoo.

9. ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T HAVE A STREET SHOP IS A SCRATCHER.

If they're working in a place where they can't assure sterile procedures, yeah, they're probably scratchers. But there is a difference between working "under-ground" and a scratcher. Many a good artist is occasionally between shops or working in a town where tattooing is outlawed, and many a scratcher is able to weasel his way into a shop, at least for a while. Use your common sense.

10. ANY TATTOOIST WILL FINISH THIS PIECE.

If one artist started it, another will most likely not finish it unless they get permission from the first artist. Exceptions will be an obvious case of a butchered tattoo...no one will expect you to return to that artist for a fix-up. But a pro may rag on you a bit for going to a Cut Rate Charlie's for a Blue-Light Specials Tattoo in the first place.

11. IMAGINATION IS YOUR ONLY LIMITATION.

Some images just don't work as tattoos. Be willing

to take your artist's input into account. If he says it needs to be bigger or less complicated, trust him or get a couple of other opinions.

12. OF COURSE, IT HURTS.

Not always, and not as much as some people would like you to believe.

13. ARTISTS ALWAYS WANT YOU TO GET BIG DESIGNS SO THEY CAN CHARGE MORE.

Nonsense, most top artists today have more work than they can handle and can make more money doing a lit of small, uncomplicated pieces than a few large complex ones. Almost all tattoos do look better the they're bigger. A good rule of thumb is that you'll never regret going bigger.

14. TATTOOING CAN GIVE YOU AIDS.

There has never been a reported case of AIDS transmission due to tattooing in "developed" countries. Any shop that follows sterile procedure will not transmit disease.

15. YOU DON'T NEED AN AUTOCLAVE. THIS "THING" WORKS JUST AS WELL.

The only way to sterilize instruments is with an autoclave. Pressure cookers, bleaching the needles, or any other "voodoo" just doesn't cut it.

16. TATTOOS ARE FOREVER.

Tattoos fade. Tattoos blur. Tattoos can be lasered off or covered up. Nothing stays the same forever. But once the needle touches your skin you'll never be an ink virgin again.

17. YOU CAN'T COVER THAT UP.

You can. Go to another artist.

18. COVERUPS GET RID OF UGLY TATTOOS.

Coverups sometimes replace ugly tattoo with an even uglier one. Don't assume that dumping something over a bad tattoo is the answer. Find a really good artist and make sure that you're getting what you want.

19. WE CAN ONLY COVER IT WITH SOMETHING BIG AND DARK. LIKE A PEACOCK TAIL.

Coverups don't have to be a dark blob. Find an artist who knows how to work with light and dark tones and can give you a tattoo that has definition and life.

20. LASER REMOVAL IS THE ANSWER.

Not always. There are some tattoo pigments that lasers can't get rid of. Make sure your dermatologist has experience in tattoo removal and has a battery of lasers.

21. DON'T PUT ANY OINTMENT ON IT, KEEP IT FRY AND IT'LL HEAL FASTER.

Keeping it dry will lead to a faster development of scabs and may lead you to think you've accelerated healing. In reality those heavy scabs will pull colour out of the tattoo as they shed.

I hope that I was able to shed a little light on what might go through your mind or what you may have heard from others when thinking of getting a tattoo. If you have any questions or concerns about tattoos, please feel free to call anytime we will be more than happy to answer your questions or help you design your first tattoo.

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Where the Boys will be

HOROSCOPES

BY David Michael

Star Presents

In lieu of the usual column for this special December issue, it was suggested to me that I do something a bit different and suggest the kinds of gifts that may be appropriate to give to people of each of the traditional Zodiacal signs....

So here they are... slightly tongue in cheek, and yet sincere



Aries
Wrestling crocodiles or bungee jumping from a downtown tower, Aries is always seeking a new challenge to test their mettle. Striking out in an alternative direction all the time, you can be sure that this one is soon to be onto something new again. Since Aries has primarily got to do something, having been born with more energy than they know what to do with, almost any kind of physical exercise equipment would be appropriate for most of them. However, if you are the buyer, don't expect them to be still using the stuff by April, as this sign is not renowned for it's long term efforts. Action and adventure stimulate even the most sedate rams, so if you've got one of these types in mind a good paced action video could fit the bill.



Taurus
If your buying for this sign, you might want to cash in your RRSP, as Taurus insists on quality above all. That's not to say everything has to be pricey... but no polyester please. Although many bulls, already own a great deal, you'll probably find that yours collects something... depression glass, books, Royal Doulton... it could be anything... but will have to be a beautiful example of it's ilk. Soothing music, often classical, is another good bet for this one who has everything. When all else fails, Taurus is the one sign who will always see money as an appropriate token of affection.



Gemini
Gemini is born to perceive, to gorge itself with observations. Always scanning for clues, and hidden innuendoes, this one loves to solve a puzzle, either of the picture or word variety or of social interaction, so a book on human dynamics and interaction could be greatly appreciated. In fact, voracious readers like these will probably have the book finished by Christmas dinner, if they can stop talking long enough. Keeping in touch with others is vital to these communicators of the Zodiac, so a cell phone, a calling card, a ream of postage stamps to get them through the next few months, or all of the above could be apropos. If in doubt a gift certificate to the nearest stationary shop is a good bet.



Cancer
This homeloving type prefers the old fashioned values and usually appreciates something you've created yourself to decorate their home and make it a cozy nook. An old fashioned "Home Sweet Home" needlepoint would go over well, though every Cancer worth their shell already has one. Since the kitchen is the most natural place for this sign to entertain, they always love new dishes, serving platters, recipe books and table linen. Food is by far the safest bet with this one though, as there can never be too much of it. What they don't eat themselves to ward off crabbiness they serve to family and friends.



Leo
Poise and presence are the keynotes of this often justly vain performer. Almost any gift to this regal sign is appreciated if given in the spirit of homage, but none more so than Gold. Poetry, painting, decorating - all the traditional creative

outlets are potentially Leo's, so if you know what yours uses to express themselves, you need only get the supplies. If dancing, singing, story telling is your Leo's outlet for creativity then the best gift of all for them is an attentive audience. Since all these cats like to play, partaking with them in their favorite game is an easy option.



Virgo
These great givers of the Zodiac, are the hardest of all the signs to give to. The poor virgin is often seen as the most boring of signs, given to pettiness, complaint, and tedium. The truth, however, is there is no one more eager to grow, to express self through service as perfect as possible. The most important gift to any Virgo, rarely received, is appreciation for efforts. On the more physical side, tools of their trade. Is she a carpenter, is he an accountant? Whatever field your Virgo has chosen, new tools to aid them in doing their job more perfectly are always welcome.



Libra
Like Taurus, Libra loves beauty, but is more moved by the prettiness of a piece than it's worth. For most, one of the prettiest things you can give them is a mirror. This is not because they are so enamored of themselves, as much as they are in constant need of feedback as to how they come across to the world. More seriously, tranquillity, romance and beauty are the primary motivators of this sign, so any way you can fill these needs... a book for quiet study, a favoured piece of music, an intimate candlelit dinner, an attractive piece of art... is perfect. Attractive clothing is among the most favoured possessions of all Libras so you can hardly go wrong in this choice.



Scorpio
These detectives and sorcerers of the Zodiac are prone to solving mysteries, whether they be of popular fiction or the age old cosmic questions of life, death and sex. Anything that ties into these questions in some way is gonna be a hit with our Scorpio friends. However, sex manuals are of little value to this most passionate of signs... unless they be about raising Kundalinic power through sex. Psychological games, books and magazine subscriptions are likely winners. Power attracts them, none more so than that of money making money... so if you can afford a contribution to their RRSP, they'd greatly thank you.



Sagittarius
This one needs to travel, so a ticket to Tahiti would be just the thing to get you in tight. Failing that, a rock climbing expedition or even a good travelogue will likely hit the mark with this explorer. Expanding consciousness is the real keynote to these adventurers, so any gift that will bring new awareness and knowledge to them will be appropriate. An art sketch or photo of some far away land, or an evening class in some field that interests them, or weekend lift tickets at the nearest ski resort, or even a book that will stretch them in a new direction can all fit the bill for these natural born philosophers..



Capricorn
The key to gift giving with this highly integral sign is to see where they are going. Often a corporate ladder climber, a business suit, or book on dressing for success would not be inappropriate. Since these masters of solitude, often have to take time alone, a paid retreat might also fit their bill. No shallow praise and flattery are necessary for this one as a rule, for their personal integrity begets self respect. Honour, however, is very important and this goat does like to be recognized for accomplishments. Practical gifts are seen as more sincere by this one than art for art's sake... however any gift given as a token of recognition will be treasured.



Aquarius
These most eclectic of signs often are at the leading edge of cultural and industrial revolutions. Having the most advanced electronic gadget going is the dream of most of them, but be wary for each wants to be seen as most avant-garde and most unique. And therein lies another clue to the ideal gift for the water bearer. Anything that is a one of a kind, that will mark this person as individualistic can work. Flashiness however, is rarely their style. They desire not to stand out in a crowd as much as to stand out in front of the crowd leading the way to a better future. So Sci-Fi is great. A donation to a humanitarian cause in their name, with a plaque to testify the event would be good too. if your strapped for cash, a good gift to this one is to join the club, society, or organization to which they devote so much of their spare time.



Pisces
Belief, faith, fantasy and escapism are big motivators for these fishy ones. Rarely is a bottle of wine refused, since it will help them let go of everything for a while. For the same purpose a bottle of bubble bath is also often just the thing. An invitation to a prayer circle could work for some of the more conventional of this sign, or to a new age happening of almost any kind. Classes in ESP development would be great for these most sensitive of signs, as would empathy training. On the more practical side, a blank notebook for them to record their many dreams and visions, as well as encouragement to trust the same might be the best gift of all.

Note: Astrology based solely on SUN SIGN is bound to apply only vaguely to you personally. I recommend a more personalized reading for more accurate and telling information.

You can obtain a personalized horoscope for free from David Michael's Astro Logical Services care of this magazine. Be sure to include, Birthdate, Time, and Place of Birth.

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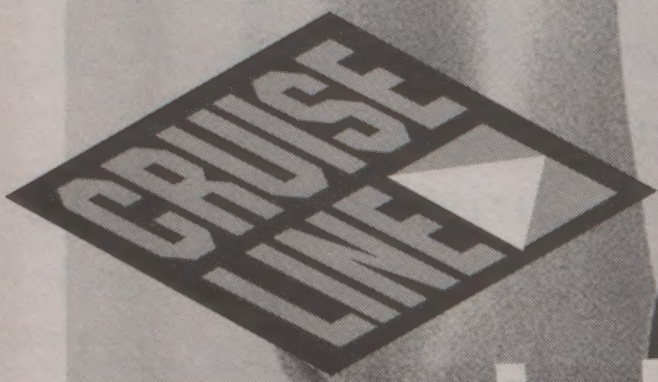
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¹⁵ X-Mas Show 11:30 pm	¹⁶ KARAOKE with Host Cherry	¹⁷ Hot MALE STRIPPER	¹⁸ All FEMALE Show	¹⁹ Get STUNG with D.J. BEE	²⁰ \$1.50 <i>High Balls</i> 10-11 pm	²¹ WINTER WONDER LAND
²² Country X-Mas Show	²³ Karaoke X-Mas Sing-Along 8-12	²⁴ Open X-Mas Eve 8-12 pm	²⁵ Merry X-Mas We are Open	²⁶ Box Him UP Stripper	²⁷ POOL Tournament 9 pm	²⁸ \$1.50 <i>High Balls</i> 10-11 pm
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